

AHCCCS HIPAA Transaction Testing

The following summarizes our procedures and expectations related to HIPAA transactions trading partner testing. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please let us know.

Schedule:

Business-to-Business Testing with all submitters/receivers: Beginning July 28th, as requested.

Approach:

1. In a HIPAA test environment AHCCCS will run according to normal production schedules, meaning all scheduled daily processes will be executed daily, all scheduled weekly processes will be executed weekly, etc.
2. All submitted 837 Test Files will be accepted and processed through all adjudication and/or validation processes on a daily basis.
3. Financial cycles resulting in production of either the 835 Remittance Advice or a paper remittance advice will be run weekly (these will be available to all submitters on request).
4. Submitters will be able to submit claims for any valid AHCCCS recipient, provider and service, therefore claims may be production examples or test data.
5. 837 Electronic claims submissions will be accepted for test processing between 6am AST and 4pm AST.
6. 837 Electronic claims test submissions should be named as follows:
CLM.MMDDYY.HHMMSS.837, and placed 170.68.41.1 (or AZFTP.statemedicaid.us) – FTP/XXXXXX/CLAIMS/ECSIN or ECSOUT/TEST xxxxx = submitter-id - 5 positions (Submitter Id's should equal your current production assigned values).
7. It is not necessary to zip any 837 claims test submissions.

Standards/Expectations:

1. Only applicable form types for each submitter must be tested.
2. # Of Submissions required to "pass" testing (see columns 3 and 5) are the minimum. A Trading Partner may submit more, if desired.
2. Once a Trading Partner feels they have successfully completed all applicable test cycles, an email should be submitted to:

AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@ahcccs.state.az.us

3. All confirmed test completions will be tracked on the AHCCCS HIPAA website after notification to the submitter.

Table of Testing Expectations:

Transaction	Who must test?	# of Submissions or Receipts Required	Testing Requirements
837 – Claims	All current Electronic claims submitters who wish to continue Electronic claims submissions after 10/16/2003 must successfully complete testing, as well as all new submitters. Testing is open entry open exit, As Ready.	Minimum of 3	At least one exchange should include Replacements/ Voids as applicable. Minimum of 25 claims Maximum of 500 claims
835 - Remittance	All current	Minimum of 2	Include A/D/P

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Helpful Hints:

Please make sure that you use the most current AHCCCS Companion Guides for each transaction (available on the AHCCCS HIPAA website).

Please ensure that your ISA and GS segments adhere to the submission values as outlined in the Companion Document.

Make sure that all test submissions are identified as "T-test" rather than "P-production". Make sure that all files reflect the appropriate version information as outlined in the Companion Document.

If you have any questions or to get started, please email or fax the HIPAA Workgroup at AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@ahcccs.state.az.us or (602-417-4532) immediately.

Available Documentation:

Refer to the AHCCCS HIPAA Website for the latest HIPAA Testing Information.

Companion Documents for each transaction or transaction set, are available on the AHCCCS HIPAA Website.

Reporting Testing Problems/Issues:

All test related problem reports/issues/questions should be submitted to the following email address:

AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@ahcccs.state.az.us

For Problem Reports, please email the pertinent test data and detail of the issue. This mail address is monitored throughout the day. The test related material will be forwarded to the appropriate parties for immediate review, to ensure a timely response.

Transaction Delimiters:

AHCCCS's delimiters for outbound transactions:

Element delimiter = "{" (changed from the "^")

Composite delimiter = "|" (the pipe, no change)

Segment terminator = "~" (a tilde, no change)

For incoming transactions, any character from the Basic and/or Extended Character Set can be used, as long as it is not used in a data element value following the interchange header.

Acknowledgements/Error Handling:

(Refer to the current Companion Document)